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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN-DOMINICAN DIALOGUE FALTERS

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1. PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S FORTHRIGHT ATTACK ON HIGH OIL PRICES AS A MAJOR CAUSE OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP IN THE POORER COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND HIS CALL FOR OIL PRODUCERS TO REDUCE THEIR PRICES (REFTEL) WAS REBUTTED BY VENEZUELAN FINANCE MINISTER HURTADO IN COURSE OF LATTER'S SPEECH TO IDB DELEGATES MAY 20. HURTADO REJECTED THE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE OIL PRICES AND ATTRIBUTED THE LDC'S PROBLEMS TO INFLATION AND RECESSION IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD PRACTICALLY FORGOTTEN THEIR PROMISES OF COOPERATION WITH LDC'S. HE CALLED FOR THEM TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT THEM TO THE LDC'S

2. TODAY'S EL SOL REPORTS THAT ON MAY 20 A GROUP OF DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MET SECRETLY WITH HURTADO TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF VENEZUELAND CONTRIBUTIONS TO DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT. AT LEAST TWO POINTS WERE COVERED - SPECIAL PRICE ARRANGEMENTS  
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FOR OIL SOLD TO THE DR AND VENEZUELAN ASSISTANCE IN OIL

EXPLORATION HERE. THE PAPER REPORTS A COMPLETE FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT.

3. COMMENT. AMONG THE DOMINICANS REPORTEDLY PARTICIPATING IN THE EXCHANGE WERE TECHNICAL SECRETARY LOCKWARD, SECRETARY OF FINANCE SELIMAN, EXPORT PROMOTION CENTER DIRECTOR PERICHE VIDAL AND SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS ALSINA. IF REPORT IS TRUE, FRUSTRATION OF THIS INFLUENTIAL GROUP BY THE VENEZUELAND FINANCE MINISTER MAY HAVE LASTING EFFECTS ON DR-VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, ADDING TO THE DOMINICAN DISENCHANTMENT ALREADY TACITLY EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER.  
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